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CLOSURE OF BOKARO THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Bokaro Thermal Power Station `A`plant is lying closed down/shut down for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of losses suffered per month;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal/representation to re-start the BTPS `A` plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)
(a) : Yes, Sir. Bokaro `A` thermal Power Station (3x45 MW + 1x40 MW) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has been under shut down since July 2000 due to non-fulfillment of Pollution Control measures. These units were fitted with mechanical dust collector only as per the technology available at the time of their commissioning. As a result, the emission through the chimneys was much above the stipulated limits.
(b) : All these units have since long outlived their useful economic life and are not considered fit for operation by the Central Pollution Control Board. Hence, the question of financial loss on account of non-operation of the plant does not arise.
(c) & (d) : The revival/restoration of BTPS `A` Plant has been taken up in the priority agenda of DVC. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been requested to furnish techno-economic viability assessment for renovation and modernisation/life extension work. The decision in regard to start of construction work for revival of these units could be taken only after techno-economic viability of reviving the operations is established.